

FW: Coutts // RCMP Request - Foreign Towing Service

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Sensitive – close hold please. for your information.

The parts in yellow could be added to the next sitrep with a generic statement that RCMP efforts for blockade removal are ongoing with their negotiators or something like it. Txs.

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Importance: High

We just had a discussion with Lisa and Ben in Prairies Region.

RCMP continue to solicit Canadian towing operators capable of moving the tractor-trailers from the highway – due to intimidation by protest groups, the towing operators have declined to provide the service. The RCMP is considering ordering the operators to provide service. The RCMP are working to identify commercial driver trained/certified RCMP members to move the trucks.

RCMP have asked US CBP to identify US-based towing operators should they be unsuccessful in ordering Canadian towing operators to participate in removal of trucks. We have cautioned that using emergency services work permit exemptions the current situation may provide difficult to align with the provisions of the exemption. A work permit with national interest LMIA exemption (C10) could be considered by POE staff. Ben has advised that this information will be relayed to the RCMP at the local level.

The RCMP have a 12:30 MT briefing to the Premier on the status of the blockade. The RCMP were going to reference our nearby POEs that remain open for service in their discussion.

At present it is estimated that 75 trucks are blocking the highway – this number has fluctuated over the past few days.

The RCMP enforcement plan entails one of their negotiators approaching each driver individually seeking their cooperation to move the truck, if the driver refuses, an RCMP arrest team will execute the removal of the driver from the truck and have Provincial Sheriffs transport the arrested drivers to

the local Detachment for processing. The RCMP would then remove the trucks from the highway starting from the north.

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Lara,

I know Scott may be in committee or prepping. We should touch base with RCMP HQ.

Scott if you are unavailable, who were you dealing with.... Mark ??? Happy to reach out.

I spoke with Dan, there are likely provisions in the issuance of work permits or maybe an exemption for emergency, but there are other considerations.

Denis

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The RCMP have advised that due to the state of negotiations with the protest organizers that they are likely to advance their plan to remove trucks from the highway through the use of tow trucks. The RCMP have further advised that Canadian tow operators are refusing to provide the service due to threats on social media by the protestors. The RCMP have asked if the CBSA would consider allowing US tow truck operators to enter Canada to support the RCMP.

Under IRPA there are work permit exemption provision for emergency services as follows:

IRPA R186(t) may be applicable..... R186(t) as a provider of emergency services, including medical services, for the protection or preservation of life or property;

The intent of R186(t) is to facilitate the admission of persons who come to Canada for the purpose of rendering services in times of emergency. These services should be aimed at preserving life and property. The emergency may be the result of natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, and fires. It may also be the result of industrial or commercial accidents threatening the environment or it may simply be a medical emergency where admission should be facilitated to preserve life regardless of whether it involves one or more persons.

We would caution RCMP that applying this exemption would be challenging – there is no imminent threat to loss of life or property – further, the US based operators should be fully vaccinated as this is the issue the protest is focused on.

Lisa is seeking our input on advancing this request.

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